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THE HEDGEHOG



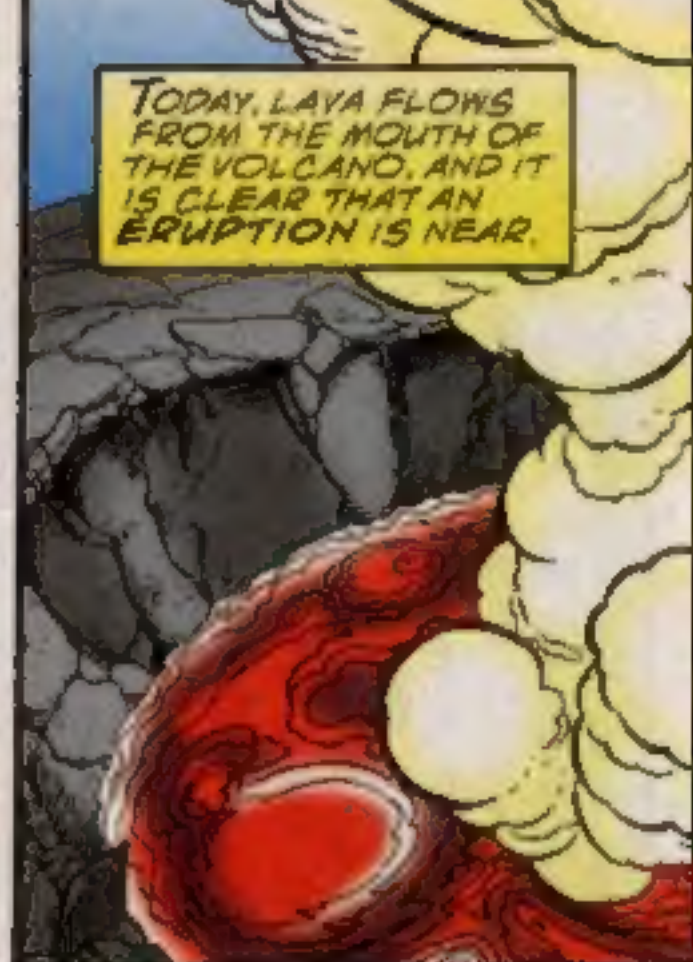

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IN THE PLANET
MOBIUS, THE
MOST VOLATILE
VOLCANO...



...IS THE ONE
CALLED MT.
MOBIUS.



TODAY, LAVA FLOWS
FROM THE MOUTH OF
THE VOLCANO, AND IT
IS CLEAR THAT AN
ERUPTION IS NEAR.



IT'S NOT A
PLACE YOU
WANT TO BE.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR
MILES PROWER,
KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS
AS TAILS...



...HE HAS VERY
LITTLE CHOICE
IN THE MATTER.

BEYOND OFF, TAILS' FRIEND AND MENTOR...
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

--PICKS HIMSELF UP FROM HIS LATEST SETBACK IN HIS ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIS YOUNG ALLY.

MAN, METALSONIC CLOCKED ME WITH THE WORLD'S SNEAKIEST SUCKER PUNCH.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'LL BE LURKING AROUND NEXT.

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT HE'S POWERED BY A POWER GEM OR THAT IT FINALLY GAVE HIM A PERSONALITY.

I'M GONNA SAVE TAILS--AND THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE!

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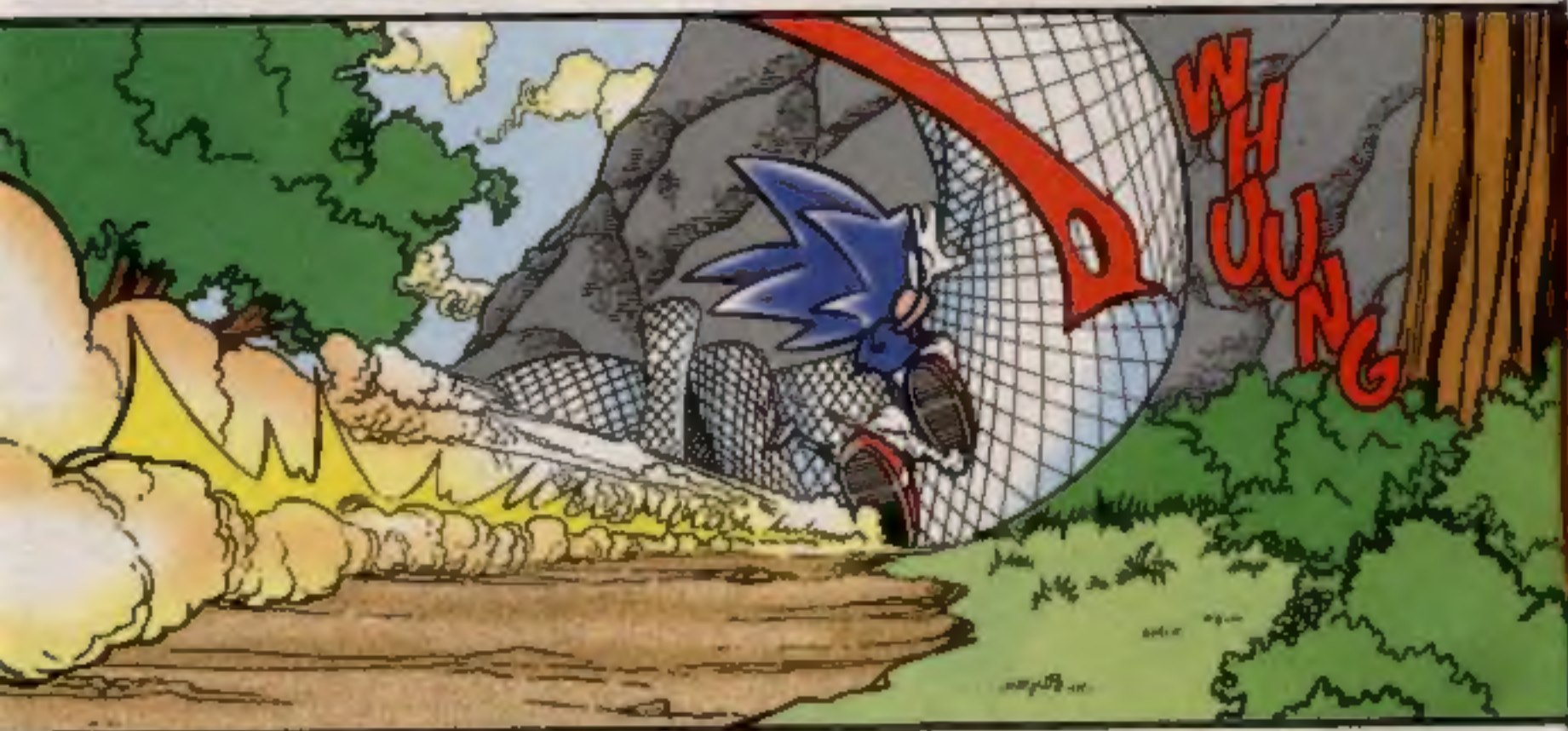
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AND THE MORE
I STRUGGLE TO
GET FREE--

OH, THIS IS
JUST THE KIND
OF ENTERTAIN-
MENT I WAS
AFTER!

--THE
TIGHTER
THE NET
GETS!

AND I
AIN'T TALKIN'
ABOUT THE
WORLD WIDE
WEB!

METALSONIC,
YOU HATE ME,
FINE. BUT YOU
HAVE ME. WHY
NOT LET TAILS
GO?

BECAUSE HE'S
YOUR FRIEND AND
ALLY. BECAUSE
MAKING HIM SUFFER--

--MAKES YOU
SUFFER. AND
MAKES ME
HAPPY.

YOU JUST
MADE ME EVEN
MADDER THAN
I WAS. SCREW-
TOP--

--AND
THAT MEANS
NO MATTER
HOW CUT UP
I GET--

--I'M GONNA
BEAT YOU AT YOUR
OWN GAME!

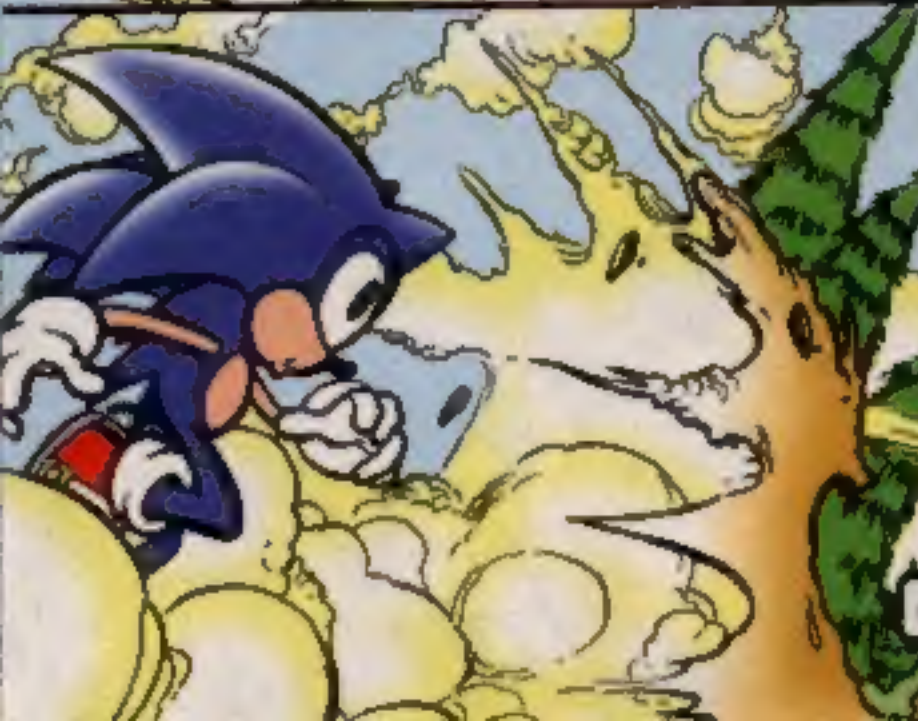
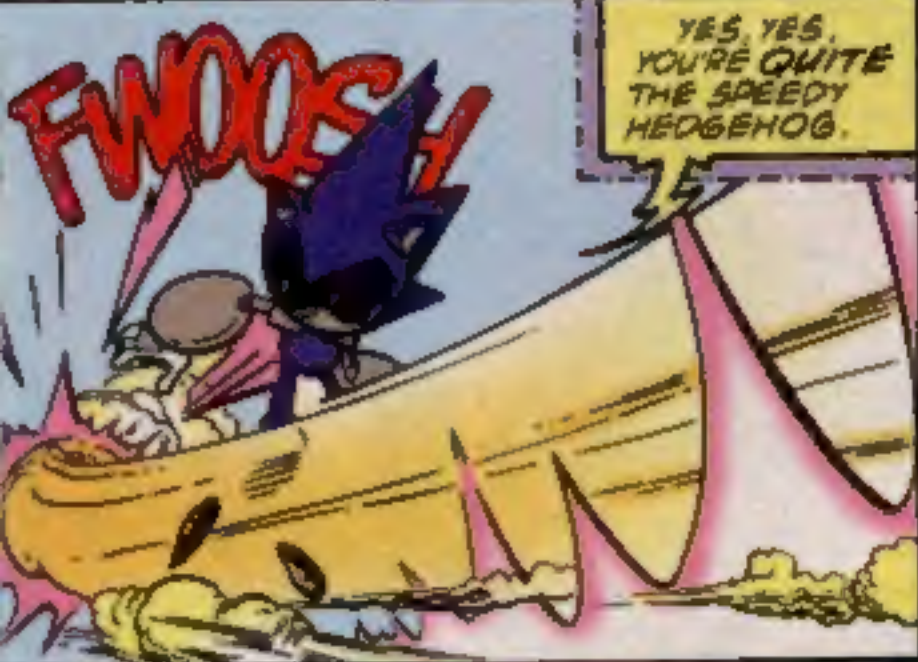


LIKE I SAID, I'M
GIVING YOU THE
CHANCE TO WIN
THAT GAME AND
SAVE YOUR
FRIEND.

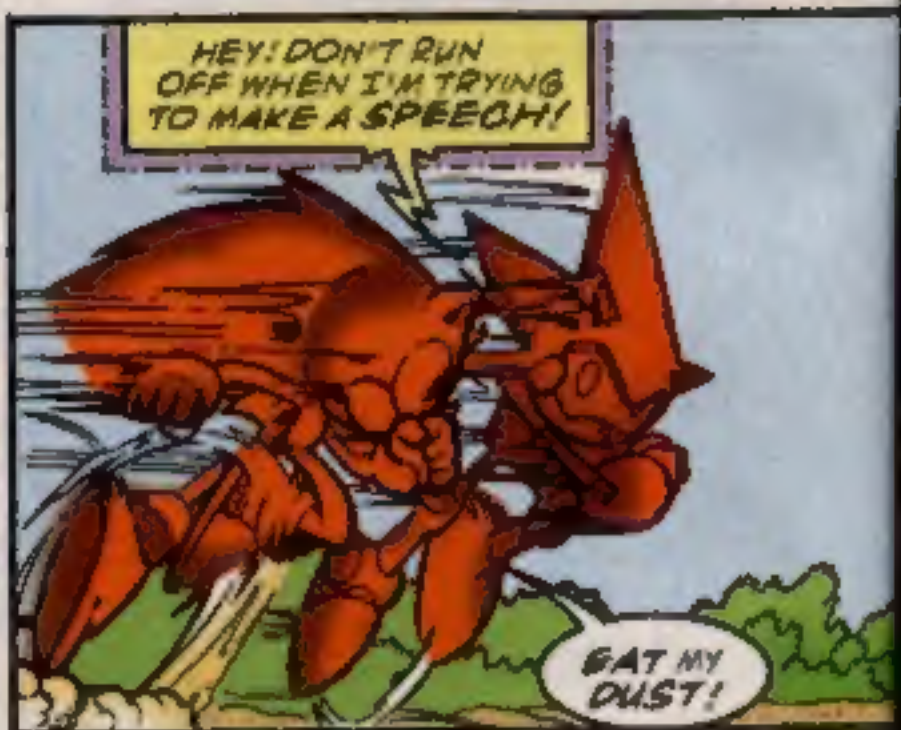
IT'S JUST
THAT YOU HAVE
TO PLAY BY MY
RULES.

WHICH I
CAN
CHANGE
AT ANY
TIME I--

YES, YES,
YOU'RE QUITE
THE SPEEDY
HEDGEHOG.



GLOAT
ON YOUR
OWN TIME,
BOTBOY.
I'M OUTTA
HERE.



HEY! DON'T RUN
OFF WHEN I'M TRYING
TO MAKE A SPEECH!

EAT MY
DUST!

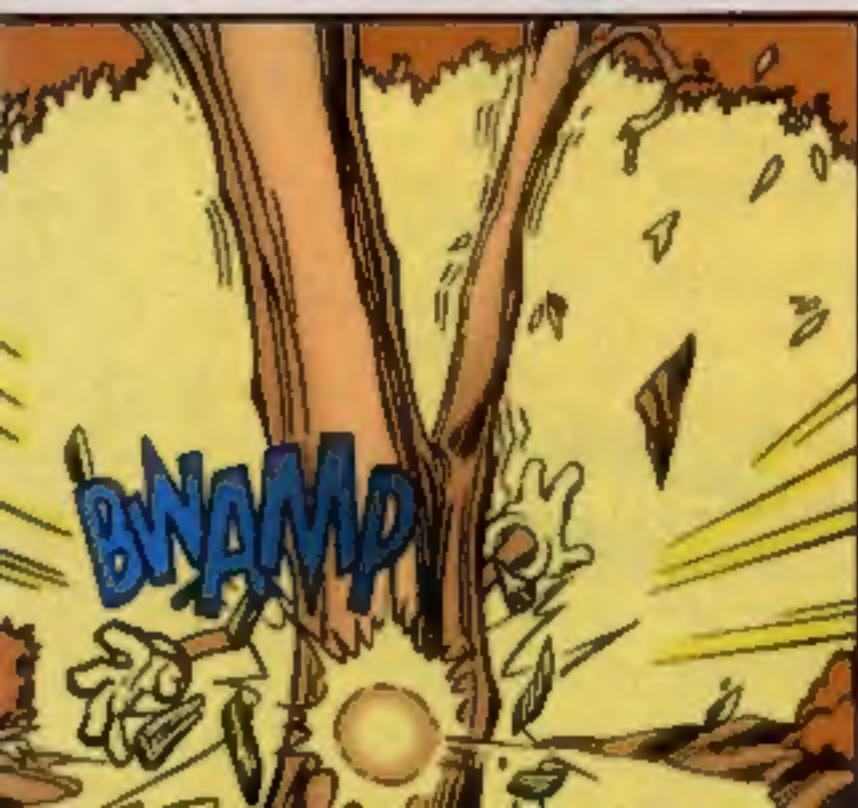
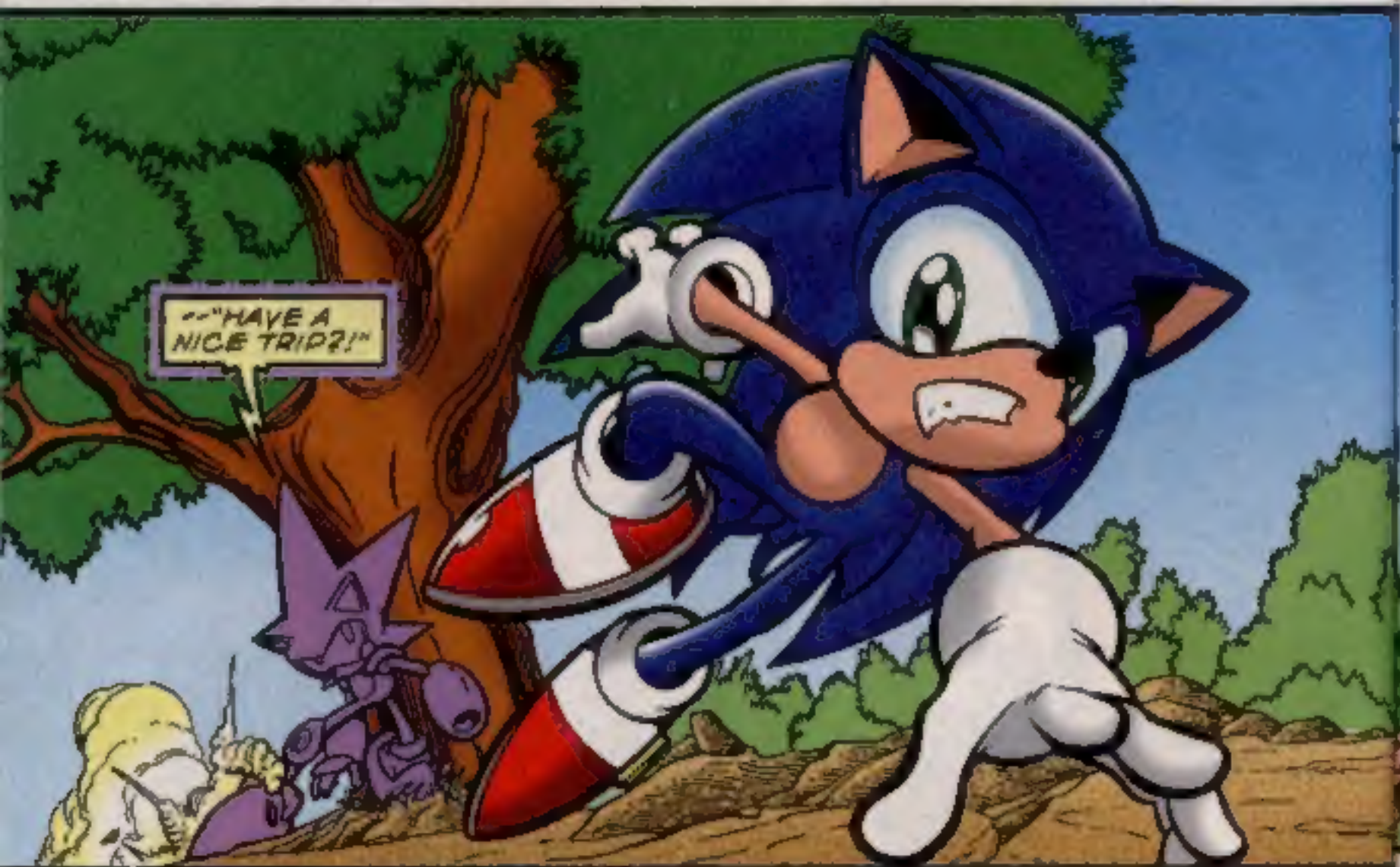


BUT I'M YOUR
ROBOTIC DOPPLE-
GANGER--AND I'M
FASTER THAN
YOU, NOT TO
MENTION
STRONGER...

...AND I MAKE
A BETTER
CHILI-DOG!

AND DID
I MENTION--

--THAT I'M
FASTER?





AH, SONIC, THIS
IS THE MOST FUN
I'VE HAD SINCE
REBUILDING
MYSELF.

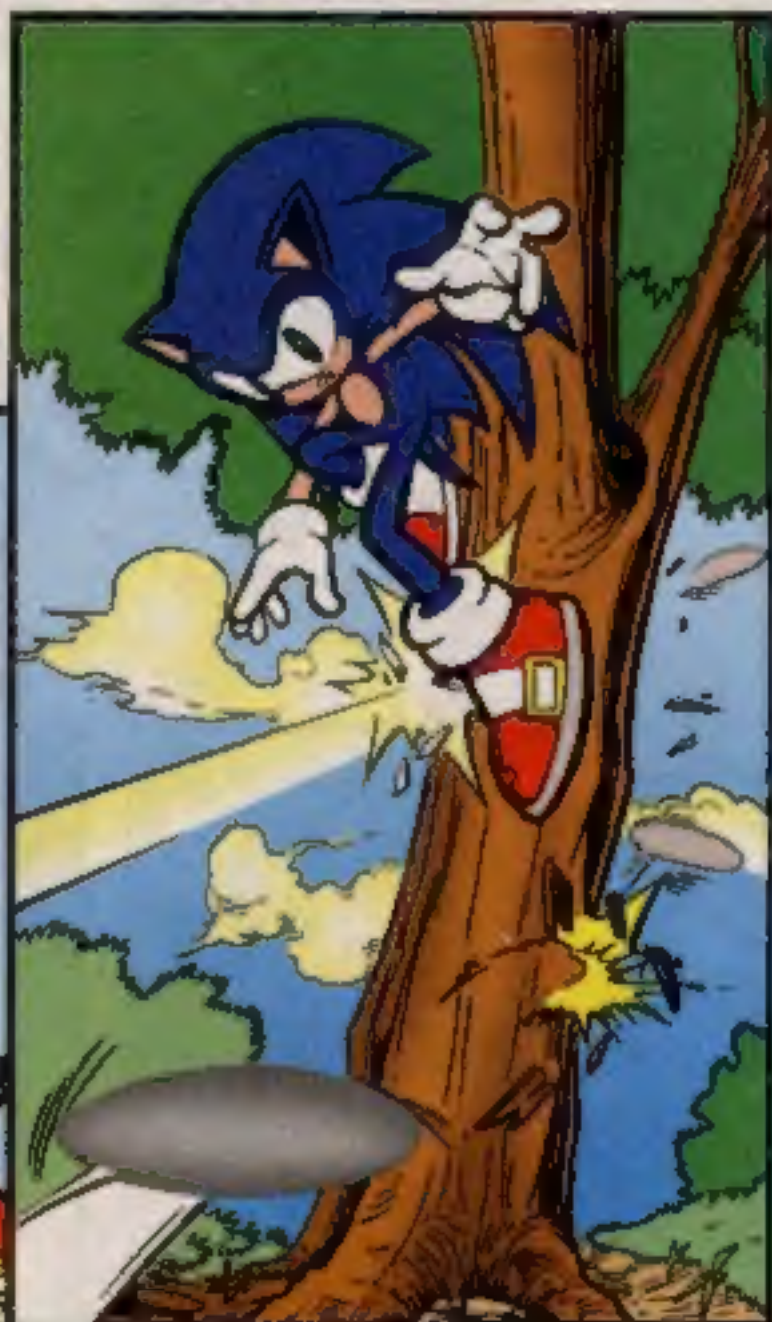
NOW HOW
ABOUT A REAL
CHALLENGE--



--LIKE MY
CYBERNETIC
SHREDDER
BLADES?!

THIS IS YOUR
IDEA OF LETTING
ME RESCUE
TAILS?

AS I SAID--I
MAKE THE RULES
--AND CHANGE
THE RULES!



THAT WAS JUST TO REMIND
YOU THAT NO FLESH-AND-
BLOOD CREATURE CAN STOP
A ROBOT AS ADVANCED
AS I.

THE SHEER
POWER HE'S
GOT--! REMINDS
ME--

--OF WHEN I WAS
MECHA SONIC.

"BUT, EVEN THEN, I
FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN
MY HUMANITY--
WHAT LITTLE OF IT
WAS LEFT."

HE'S
UNBEATABLE.

OR IS
HE--?!

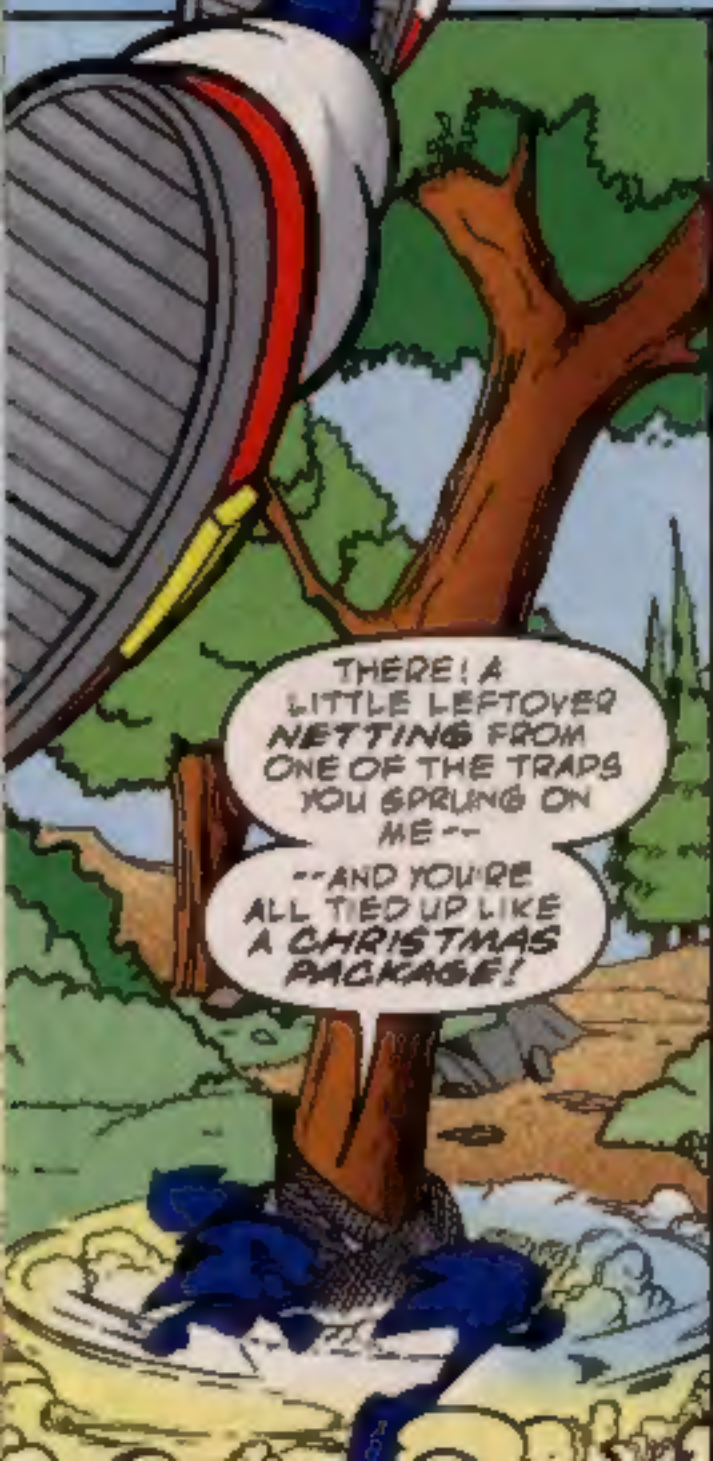


IF I CAN TAKE
THE METALMEISTER
OUT OF COMMISSION
FOR EVEN A LITTLE
WHILE--

--I'LL HAVE
A CHANCE TO
SAVE TAILS!

STOP!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

TAKING YOU
OFF-LINE!



THERE! A
LITTLE LEFTOVER
NETTING FROM
ONE OF THE TRAPS
YOU SPRUNG ON
ME--

--AND YOU'RE
ALL TIED UP LIKE
A CHRISTMAS
PACKAGE!



I DIDN'T
THINK YOU
WERE THIS
CLEVER,
SONIC.

YOU MAY
HAVE
ACTUALLY
WON!



THAT WAS
TOO EASY. HE
MUST HAVE THE
SNEAKIEST
SET-UP OF ALL
PLANNED!

I'VE GOT
TO BE MORE
ALERT THAN
EVER!

HE HEROIC HEDGEHOG
MAKES HIS WAY UP THE
EVER STEEPER MOUNTAIN.

BUT AS HE GETS
CLOSER TO HIS
GOAL...

LAVA!
AND LOTS
OF IT!

IF
ANYTHING'S
HAPPENED TO
TAILS, I'LL
NEVER FORGIVE
MYSELF...

OR
METALSONIC.
I'LL MAKE HIM
PAY!

HOLY COW!
THIS IS SERIOUS
LAVA FLOW! THE
WHOLE SHEBANG'S
GONNA GO ANY
MINUTE!

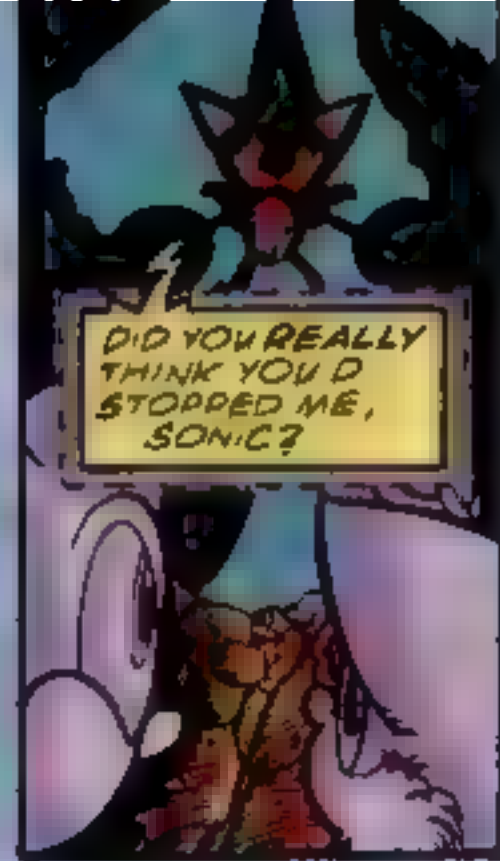
GOT TO
TIME THIS MOVE
JUST--

--TAILS!
I'M HERE,
BUDDY!

I-I KNEW
YOU'D GET HERE,
SONIC!

NEVER
ANY DOUBT,
KIDDO!

--RIGHT!
YEAH!
AND UP
AHEAD--



LISTEN... I DO
KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO BE A ROBOT I WAS
ONE

BUT YOU GAVE
UP THE GIFT,
YOU FOOLISH
HEDGEHOG!

YOU'RE RIGHT
METAL SONIC YOU
ARE FASTER AND
STRONGER THAN
ME

AS I'VE BEEN
PROVING
ALL DAY.

BUT WHAT
GOOD DOES IT
DO YOU? THERE'S
MORE TO LIFE
THAN THAT
THERE'S
FRIENDS AND
FEELINGS AND
JUST THE JOY
OF BEING
ALIVE!

WHY WOULD I
EMBRACE WEAK-
NESS WHEN I
HAVE STRENGTH
AND POWER?!

TAILS! I'M
GONNA KEEP METAL-
BROTHERS HERE
BUSY! YOU FLY
AWAY! NOW!

NO
WAY! I'M
NOT
LEAVIN'!

BECAUSE
I FOUGHT MY
PROGRAM-
MING!

BECAUSE IT'S NOT
WEAKNESS ABSENCE
FEELINGS, ITS SPIRIT,
IS THE GREATEST
THING THERE IS!

THE
PRATTLING OF
A DOOMED
HEDGEHOG!

IT'S NO
USE YOU'LL
NEVER
UNDER-
STAND!
BUT YOU
WON'T WIN,
EITHER

THIS IS WHERE
FEELINGS GET YOU
YOU'RE BOTH
DOOMED, NOW!

NO,
WE'RE
NOT!

SO YOU'RE
DESERTING YOUR
FRIEND AFTER ALL!

NO, I'M COMING TO
BE AT HIS SIDE--

--SO WE CAN STOP
YOU TOGETHER!

THE
GROUND!

TAILS--
FLY AWAY
BEFORE--

TOO LATE I'M
TRAPPED!

THAT
MAKES TWO
OF US LITTLE
BUDDY

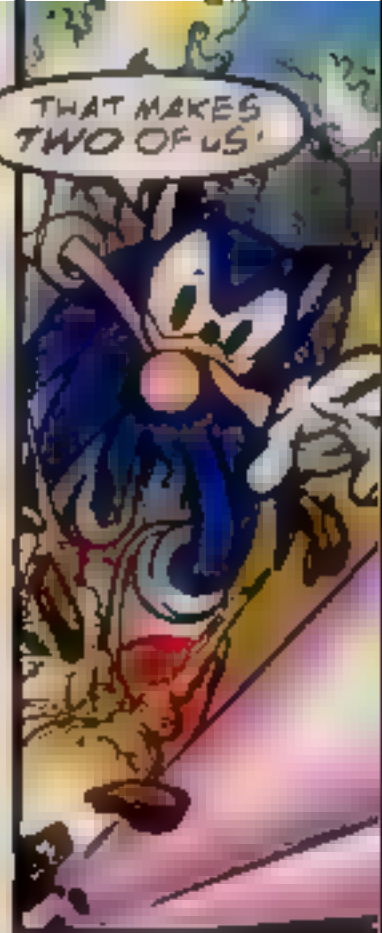
BE
BRAVE,
TAILS!

YOU TOO,
SONIC.

YOU
LEAVE ME
NO CHOICE



I'M FREE.
THANKS TO...
METAL-
SONIC?!



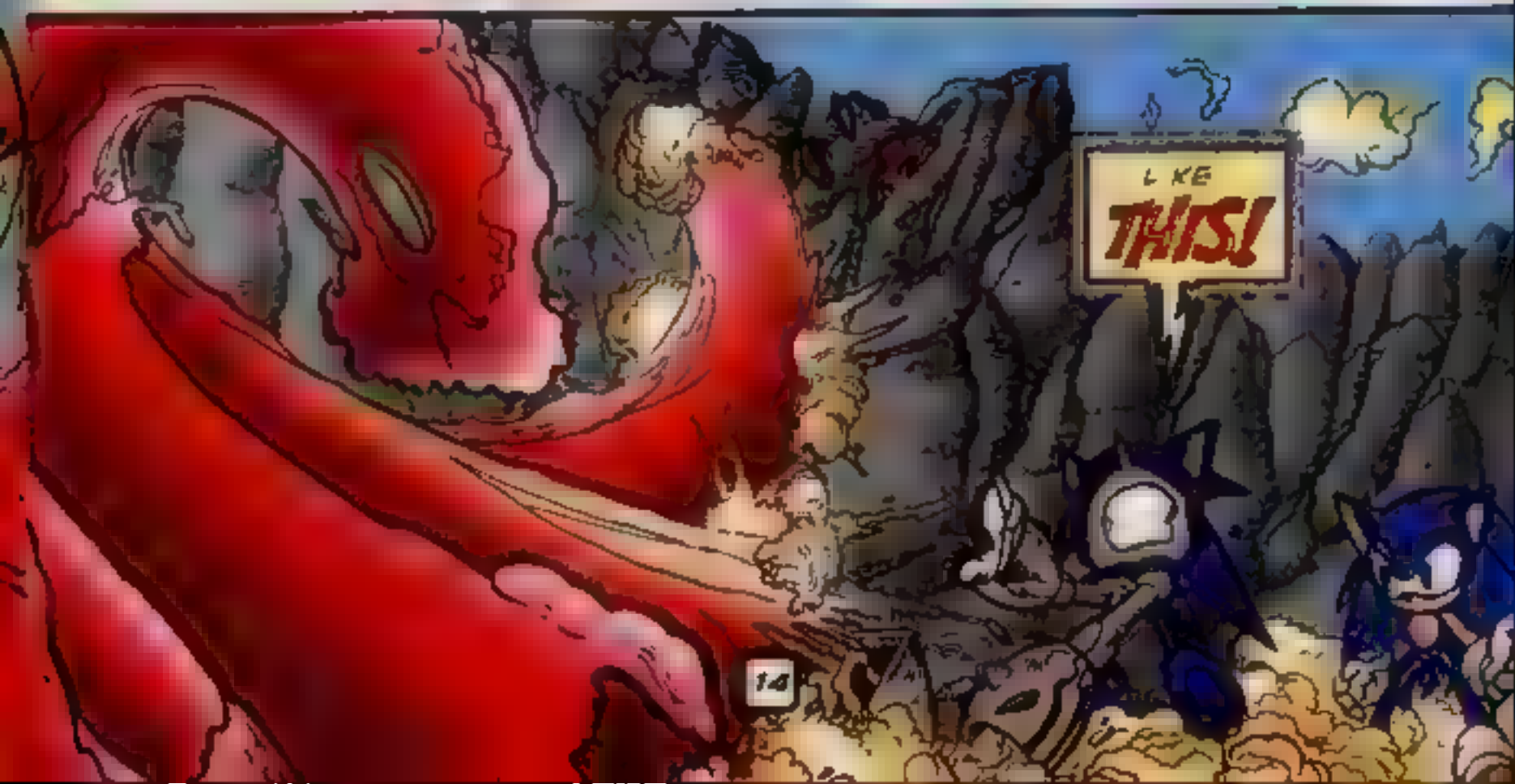
THAT MAKES
TWO OF US!



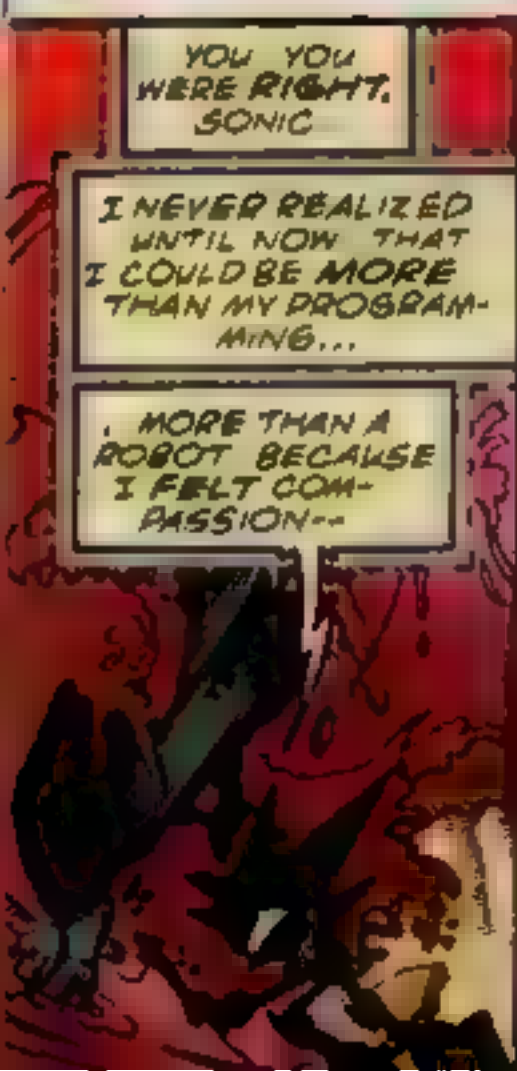
NOT ME TO
ASK WHY! THE VOL-
CANO'S ERUPTING
FULL FORCE! IT'S ALL
LAVA ALL THE
TIME!

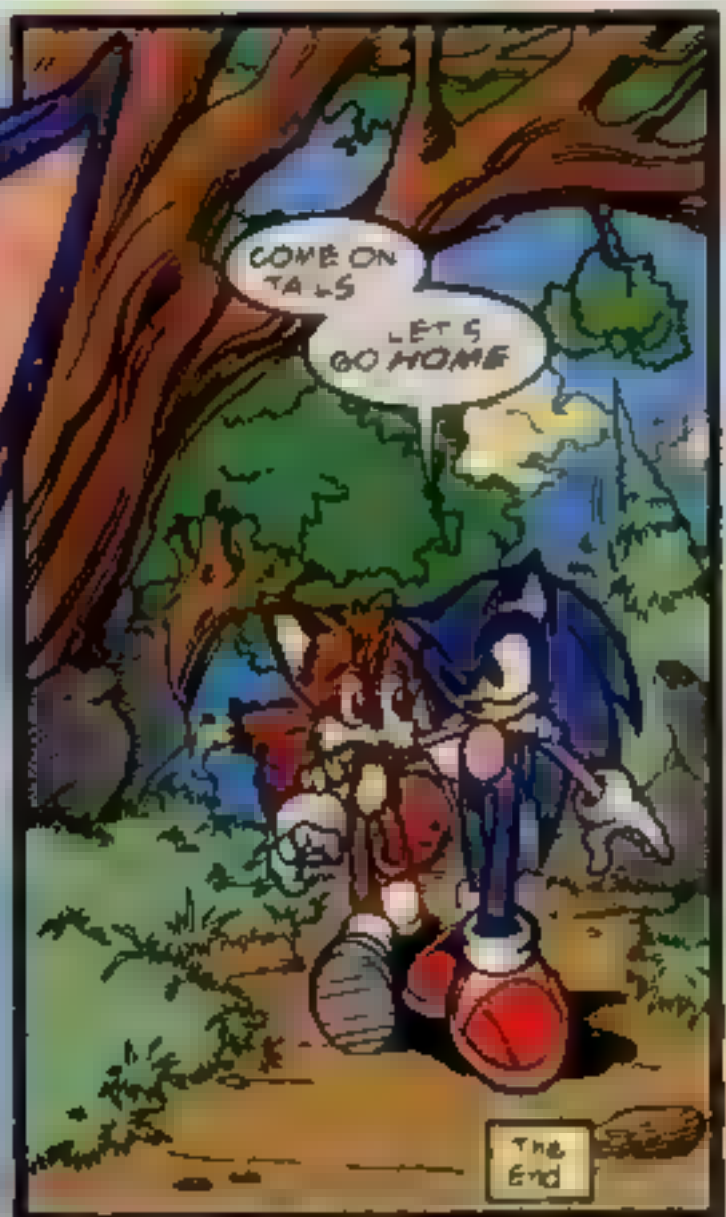
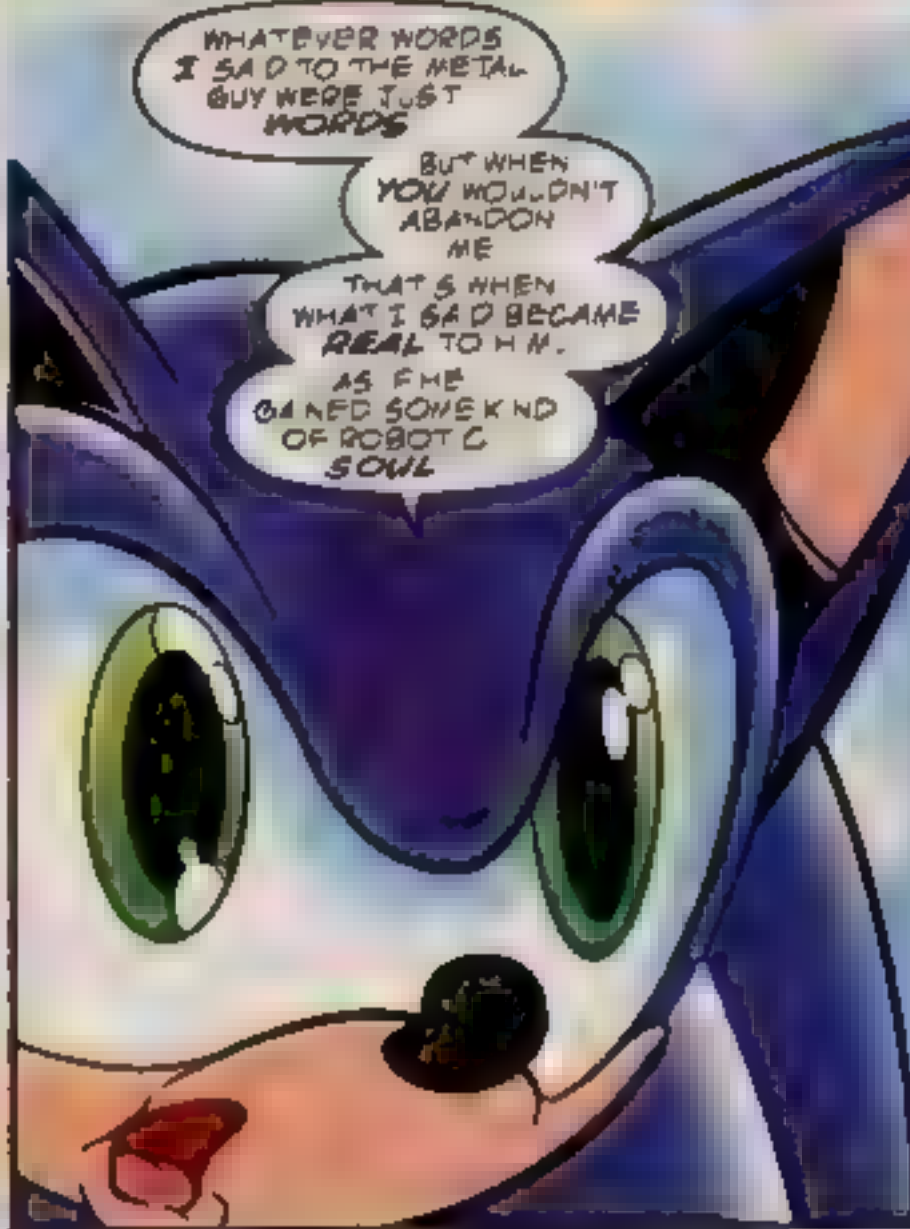
GO. I'LL
HOLD THE LAVA
BACK FOR YOU!

HOW?



LIKE
THIS!





KAR LING - TEMPLE OF
THE GOLDEN LOTUS...

AH,
WHAT FOOLS
THESE
MONKEYS
BE--!

Hehehehehehe!
OH, DON'T LOOK SO
SHOCKED--

MONKEY KHAN IN AGAINST THE WANTED PAST

PART
TWO

--YOU DIDN'T THINK
YOU COULD ACTUALLY EVADE
ME FOREVER, DID YOU?

FRANK STROM
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INKER
VICKIE WILLIAMS
LETTERER
FRANK BAGUARD
COLORIST
J.F. GABRIE
WAZ HERE!

I
FIGURED
YOU'D BE TOO
BUSY EATING
TO NOTICE
ME

SILENCE,
PUNNING DOG!

CALL IT A HAPPY ACCIDENT.
I WAS ALREADY IN THE MIST OF
INVADING KAR LING, WHEN LO
AND BEHOLD I FIND YOU, MY LONG
FORGOTTEN PRODIGAL SON!



NATURALLY, I WAS FURIOUS TO LEARN
BALLY ACORN HAD FREED YOU FROM
MY CONTAINMENT CELL ...

...BUT THEN NOSTALGIA
SET IN. YOU WERE, WITHOUT A DOUBT,
MY FINEST CREATION!

ONE THAT COULD BE OF
GREAT USE TO MY CAUSE,
IF ONLY YOU COULD BE
CONTROLLED.

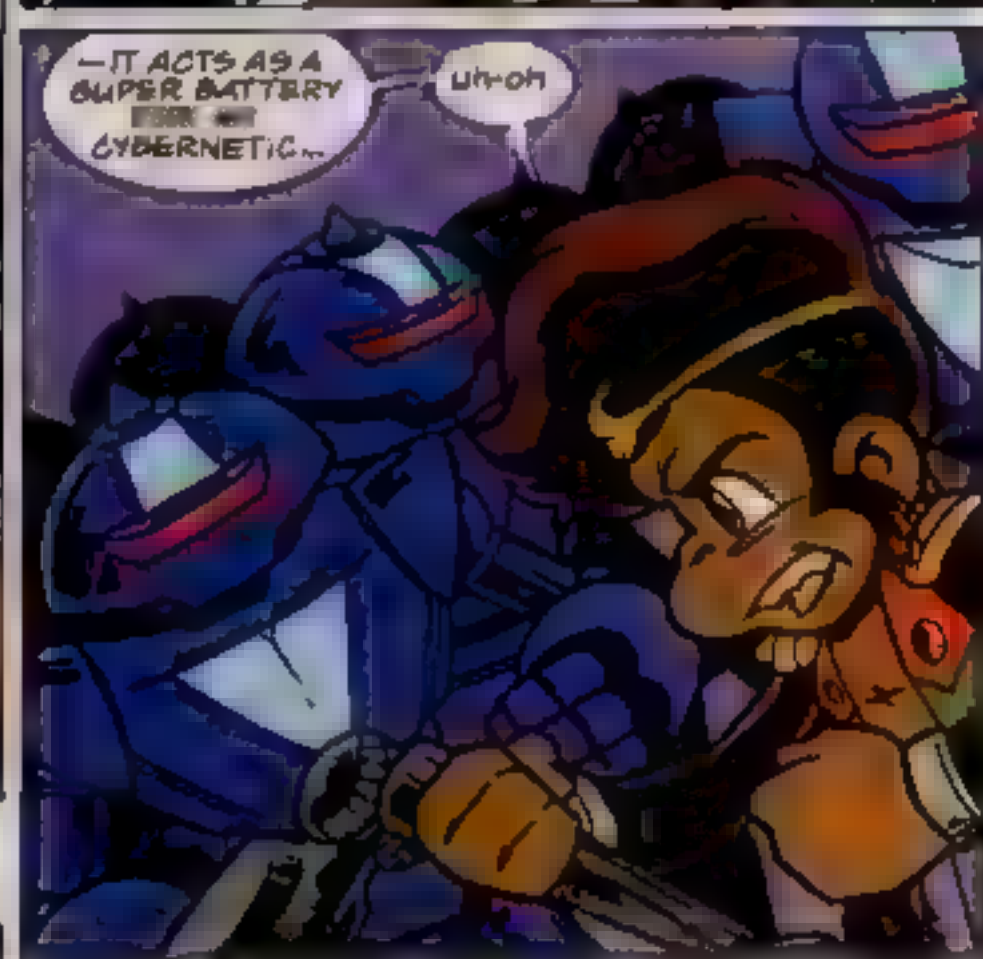
WHICH BRINGS
US TO THE TOPIC OF
THE OPERATION!
YOU MAY PROCEED,
MY ROBOTICIZED
GENERAL
MUNN!

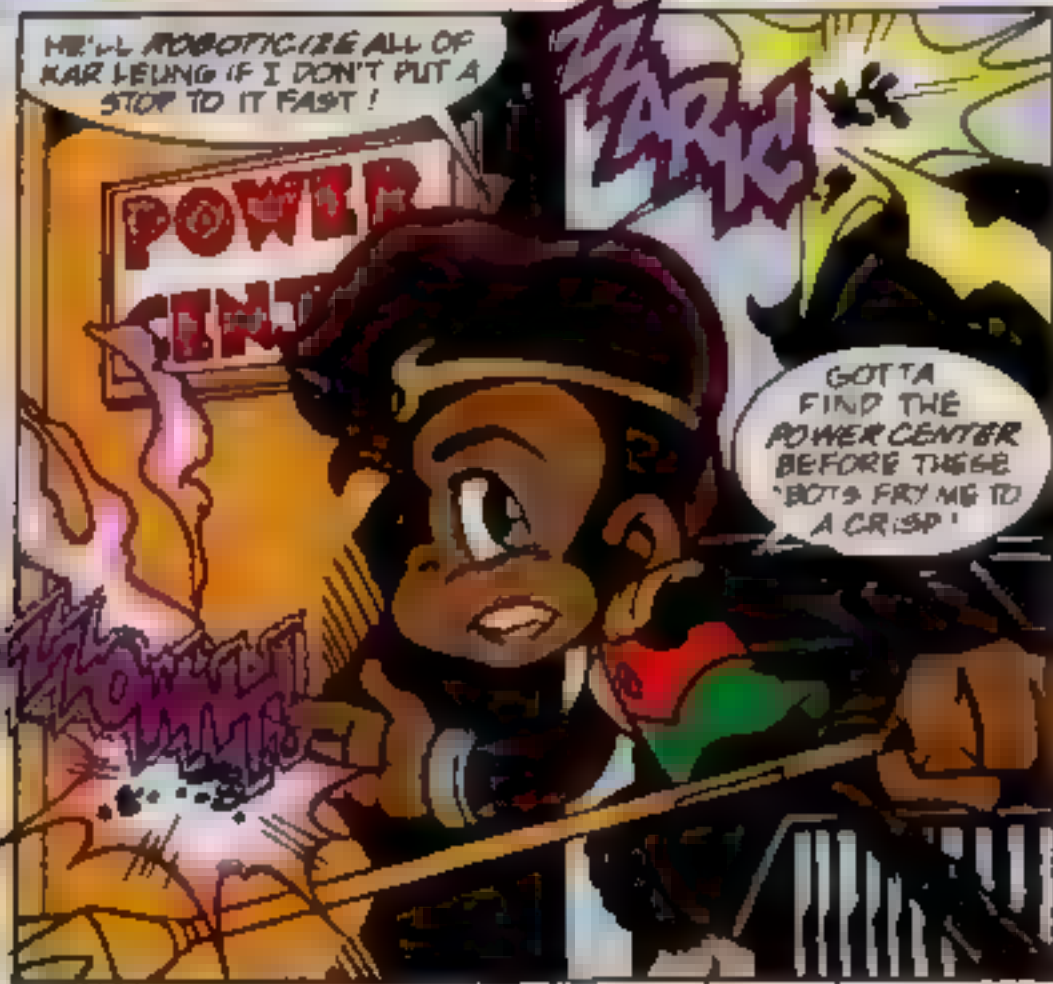
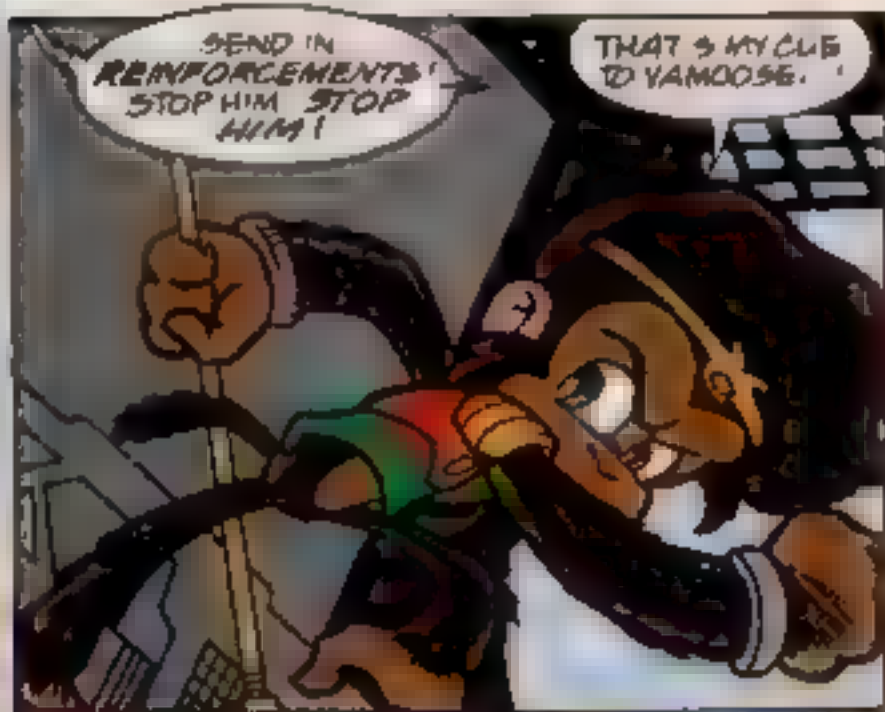
Aye Lord
Robotnik!

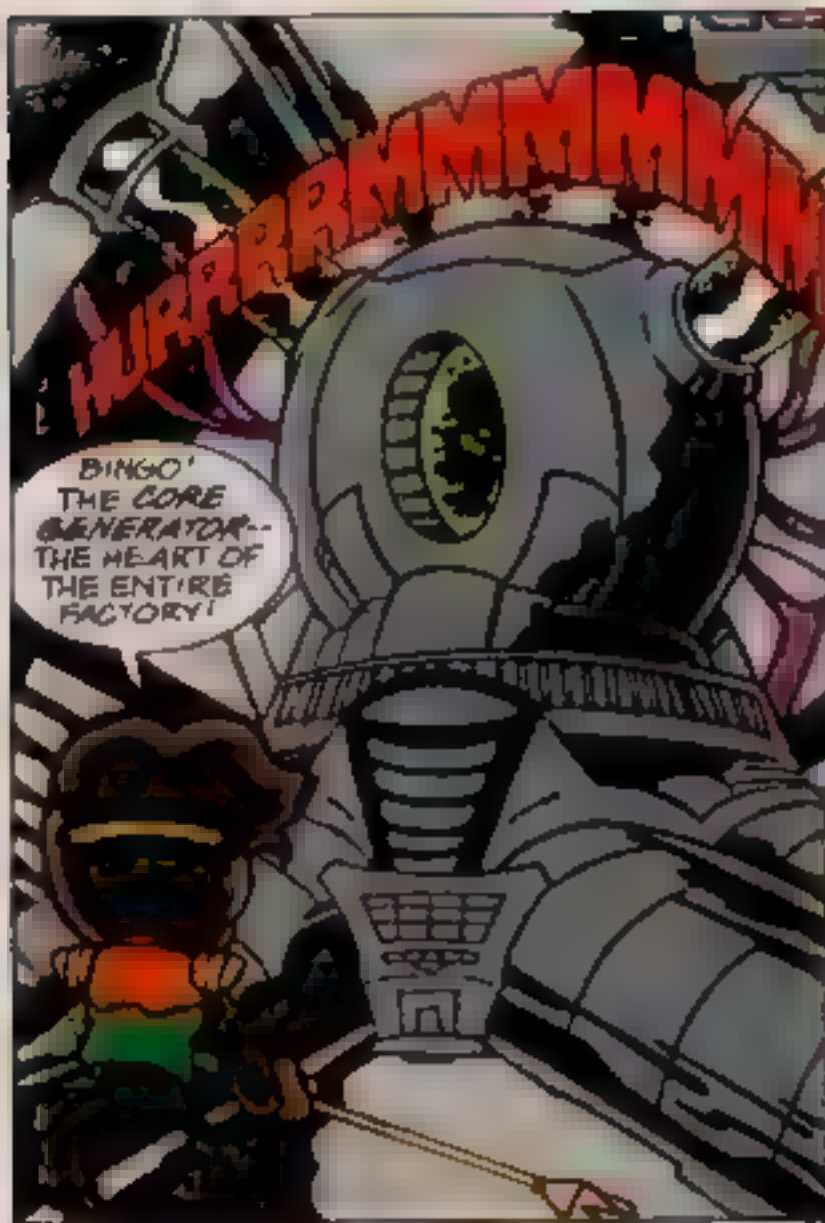
The procedure
is horrifyingly
simple ..

three microscopic
transmitters fused
to the brain show a
override any pesky
free will..

...allowing for total
control of the
Monkey Munn!







BINGO!
THE CORE
GENERATOR--
THE HEART OF
THE ENTIRE
FACTORY!

The monkey's found the POWER
CENTER, my lord! what should we do?

SEND MORE
SWATBOTS AFTER
HIM, YOU BOOB!
BUT TELL THOSE
IDIOTS TO BE
CAREFUL...

"... THE GENERATOR
EQUIPMENT IS
HIGHLY VOLATILE!"

LESS SEE--HOW
TO DISABLE THIS
BABY WITHOUT
CAUSING A...



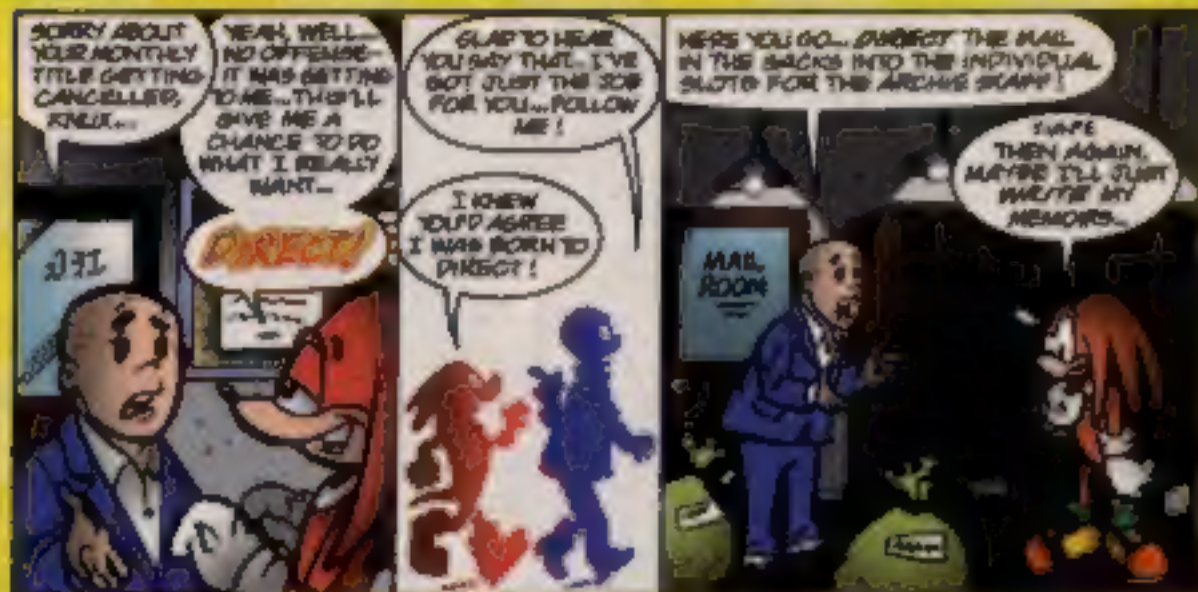
HERE THEY
COME- LIKE BULLS
IN A NUCLEAR CHINA
SHOP!



THOSE POOLS HIT
THE GENERATOR!
THE WHOLE PLACE IS
GONNA BLOW SKY HIGH!!



SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

J.F. GABRIE
REDACTED

As we've been telling you for months, Knuckles returns to a monthly schedule as a regular 8-page back-up feature in Sonic The Hedgehog. To make it an eight-pager rather than a six-pager like previous back-ups, we'll have to sacrifice a page or two of extra goodies. They'll be the Pro Art page and the Find Your Name In Print page. However, you'll see Pro Art pages in future Sonic Super Specials and a list of names every month in either the letters page or the Fan Art page. Personally, I'm excited to have Knuckles back in the fold (as you can tell by the strip above - heh,heh).

Catch you on the flip side!

IF

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited.

Thanks for understanding!

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**AGAINST A
HAUNTED PAST,
PART TWO
1) SEE SONIC #55.**

**The unending wave
of fan mail we've
received in response
to Sega Dreamcast's
"SONIC ADVENTURE"
comic adaptation is
threatening to bury
Archie Comics'
editorial offices!
Here's the latest
batch covering
issues**

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Dear Sonic-Grams,

Hi! My name is Josh. I've been collecting your comic since November of 1999. I have a few questions: 1) When are you going to make a new KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA comic? 2) Can you tell me where I can find older SONIC issues as well as mini-series? 3) When did Archie Comics first start publishing SONIC? 4) Can I send in traced drawings of Sonic and Knuckles? I hope you can answer all of my questions. Catch you on the flip side!

Josh Cuanzon
Juneau, AK

1) There are no immediate plans for a KNUCKLES revival, Josh, but if you check out SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14, featuring our favorite echidna, it'll sure seem like old times! 2) Our subscriptions page, located elsewhere in this comic, has a list of back-issues that you can order directly from us, but for older issues we suggest you try a comic book retailer near you. 3) We've been publishing the adventures of the world's fastest hedgehog since 1993! Way past cool, huh? 4) Feel free to send us drawings of Sonic, Knuckles, and any other cast members!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next issue: Marks the return of FRY as the regular penciler of Sonic The Hedgehog. He's re-joining regular Sonic Scribe and inker Karl Bollers and Andrew Papoy, as they craft you a tale about our world-trotting heroes' return to Knothole Village. Lots of stuff happened while they were away. A lot of it not good. Find out with the Freedom Fighters in thirty. Also making a return, Knuckles on a monthly basis by Penders, Butler and Eklund.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #88 on sale September 2000!



Dear Sonic,

While I may not have all or almost all of your comics, I still consider myself a true fan. I've been trying for years to get more issues, and it wasn't until I got issue #78 in the mail that I once again savored the suspense and action that makes me the happiest guy on Earth! I just read issue #83 and I have got to say one thing... you ROCK! Now, I'm saving all my money to get the issues I can, which might be hard, but sacrifices must be made for the greater good, right? So, I'd just like to thank you, all the Freedom Fighters, and all the people who made this comic possible. Without them, I don't know what I'd be doing now. Like you say: "Keep on juicin'!" and like I've said: "Long live Sir Sonic!"

Matt Collier (age 14)
Silsbee, MO

**Thank you for the
all-around kudos, Matt!**

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I'm absolutely in love with your comic. The ADV Films' SONIC THE HEDGEHOG movie was awesome. Maybe they could make a sequel. Anyway, I love the "SONIC ADVENTURE" game. I've beaten it playing as Sonic, Tails, Knuckles, Big, but not as E-102. And I don't actually have a Dreamcast system, but I'm saving up for one. And if I beat the game with every character, I still can beat levels A and B. I was surfing the Internet and saw that Sega is making a sequel to "SONIC ADVENTURE!" I have a few questions: 1) What happened to the KNUCKLES comic? 2) How many Sonics are there? That's it for now. Oh, and your "OH-Panel" is cool.

Tate Fegley
Bismark, ND

1) KNUCKLES was discontinued due to low sales, but don't fear, Tate! You can count on seeing a lot more of Knux right here in the pages of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! 2) How many Sonics? Tough question to answer. After all, there are a lot of alternate zones out there!

Dear Sonic,

I read your issues based on Dreamcast's "SONIC ADVENTURE" and it's pretty different from the game. I have the game and in it, Chaos absorbs seven Chaos Emeralds that are different colors. In the comic books, there were more than just seven Chaos Emeralds. What I want to know is how Chaos will absorb the Chaos Emeralds when there are no colored Emeralds in the comic books, but I have a pretty good back-up story for it. Maybe these were legendary Chaos Emeralds that were placed in an altar that was built for Chaos during ancient echidna times (like in the video game). In the last issue of the Dreamcast tie-in, Chaos should absorb the negative energy from the Chaos Emerald while Sonic absorbs the positive energy. He then transforms into Super Sonic to kick Chaos' butt! I can't wait to get my hands on that issue! I hope you also change Super Sonic's appearance, too! In the game, he looks kind of like DragonBall Z's Super Saiyan 3 Gokou. Never stop making SONIC comics.

David Tsao (age 12)
Brooklyn, NY

Wow, David! Did our writers sneak you the plot or something? Your version of the story was very close to the one that saw print. Actually, the colored Chaos Emeralds (named Super Emeralds in the comic) were the Chaos after they stripped Chaos of his power and imprisoned him in the black master emerald. These super emeralds were placed on the altar. It was later decided to split them up. Many, many years later, one ended up with Nate Morgan, the other six in Station Square's generator. Robotnik was able to use regular Chaos Emerald shards to power Chaos since they almost have the same properties. How's that for Emerald 101? Whew...

**KEEP ON
JUICIN'!**

FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Due to the overwhelming amount of mail that is received, it is impossible to print it all so we created the "Find Your Name In Print" page so that you know we received your letter or fan art: This month they are:

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